

DEVELOPMENTAL SERVICES
Porterville Developmental Center

DEPARTMENT: Medical Department

LOCATION: Programs VII

JOB TITLE: Nurse Practitioner – Safety

GENERAL STATEMENT OF DUTIES: Under the direction of the Medical Director, the Nurse Practitioner performs a variety of duties as directed. A Nurse Practitioner, in accordance with established protocols and in collaboration with a physician or physicians, provides clinical assessment and case management services to individuals.

SUPERVISION RECEIVED: Medical Director

SUPERVISION EXERCISED: None - staff position.

PHYSICAL DEMANDS: Must possess and maintain sufficient strength, agility, endurance, and sensory ability to perform the duties contained in this duty statement.

TYPICAL WORKING CONDITIONS: On-going interaction with clients. Potential exposure to communicable diseases and blood-borne pathogens. Spend more than 50% of time performing duties involving health and behavioral care of forensic clients in the facility; assisting with inspecting facilities to identify security breaches that could lead to the escape of a forensic client; and observing and intervening in forensic client behavior that may injure people, damage property, or signal impending escape attempts.

EXAMPLES OF DUTIES: In accordance with established protocols and in collaboration with a physician, provides clinical assessment and case management services to individuals, including construction and interpreting selected laboratory and radiographic tests, identifying problems, and developing and implementing treatment plans for patients; seeks expert opinion or advice of a physician when case falls outside of protocol of agency; refers patients to physician for consultation and to specialized health resources for treatment but retains responsibility for the clinical management as well as subsequent modification.

ESSENTIAL DUTIES:

- 60% Provides direct patient health care to forensic and non forensic clients residing within the forensic programs of Porterville Developmental Center. This includes history taking, examination, diagnosing, treating, intervention, reevaluation, referral as indicated, and follow-up of health-related conditions. Specific treatments may include physical interventions, obtaining of specimens, the furnishing of medication or devices as required and the provision of specific treatments as per established protocol and medical/nursing procedures. In accordance with established protocols and in collaboration with a physician, provides clinical assessment and care management services to individuals including constructing and interpreting a medical history, performing a physical assessment, evaluating patient behavior, ordering and interpreting selected laboratory and radiographic tests, identifying problems, and developing and implementing treatment plans for patients; seeks expert opinion or advice of a physician when case falls outside of protocol of agency; refers patients to physician for consultation.
- 25% Documents services provided and observations as well as conclusions and plans of action. This shall include regular progress notes on assigned patients, annual and admission MHROS and physical examinations; consultation notations on assigned patients; other medical/nursing documentation; interdepartmental and other miscellaneous communications as required.
- 15% Attending medical and nursing conferences to maintain currency and skill level; research as required; participates in training and continuing education as required; attends client's annual conferences as assigned; attends meetings as required and such committee meetings as assigned. Provides training to specific nursing staff as required. Collaborates with medical and nursing staff in designing appropriate treatment approaches to clients and patients. Participates in the development of Nurse Practitioner protocols. Provides consultation and supervision of nursing staff as required in specific instances or settings. When required, assists in miscellaneous duties and tasks such as restraining clients or transportation of clients as necessary.

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Norrii Sumanqui, M.D., Medical Director

Date